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filled by the creation of temporary posts in the Madras Agricultural Service. Such posts have been created in respect of the following vacancies :—

Four Deputy Directors of Agriculture.

Government Systematic Botanist.

Government Entomologist.

Government Agricultural Chemist.

Government Lecturing Chemist.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer that the matter is under consideration, may I know when the Government expect to be in a position to pass orders in this matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Orders on some of the points have already been issued. Some other points are under consideration."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask when the Government propose to pass orders on the remaining points ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" As soon as report is received from the Director."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the posts mentioned at the end of the paragraph, may I know how many of them have been filled up by Europeans and how many by Indians ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" All of them are Indians, I believe."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know the reason why these new appointments made in places vacated by men in the Indian Agricultural Service are made on a temporary basis ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The question of reorganizing the whole department is under consideration. Therefore all these appointments have been made temporarily."

Fisheries

Contract supply of salt to fish curers.

* 265 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question of giving on contract the supply of salt for the curers ; and

(b) if so, whether they have taken any steps in that direction ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Almost the entire quantity of salt required for fish-curing yards on the West Coast was supplied only through a system of contract till recently. The question of the most efficient and economical method of transporting salt will receive consideration in connexion with the examination of the recommendations of the Fisheries Committee.